

(MR. DEPUTY SPEAKER in the Chair.)

(ii) *re* : murder of a Myadar Community youth in Shorapur Town.

SRI RAJA PID NAIK (Shorapur).—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the murder of a young man of Myadar Community in Shorapur Town.

SRI D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).—I wish to make the following statement :

It is reported that there was no murder in Shorapur Town in December 1974. However, there was one case of murder in Shorapur Town on the intervening night of 31-10-1974 and 1-11-1974. The facts of the case or that complainant Bhimappa s/o Durgappa Channalli Myadar r/o Shorapur, appeared at Shorapur Police Station on 1-11-1974 at 8 A. M. and complained that in the early morning of 1-11-1974, he found the dead body of his brother Gopanna near 'Bhairi Bhavi' of Shorapur with stab injuries. A case in Shorapur P. S. Cr. No 163/74 u/s 302 I.P.C. was registered and investigation taken up.

The investigation has revealed that the deceased owned a pan-beedi shop near Gandhi Chowk, Shorapur. The complainant also owns a pan shop in the same locality. They were living in two different houses in Myadar lane. On 31-10-1974, the deceased closed his pan shop at about 7 P. M. and went and sat in the pan beedi shop of the complainant. The complainant then went to his house asking the deceased to sit in his shop. When deceased failed to return home till 4-30 or 5 A. M. on 1-11-1974, the complainant started searching for the deceased. He found the deceased lying dead with stab injuries near "Bhairi Bhavi" in Shorapur. The Medical Officer who conducted post mortem examination, has opined that death was due to haemorrhage and shock due to multiple injuries.

The complainant had heard that the deceased had developed illicit intimacy with one Sharnamma w/o Mallappa Wagangera who used to supply milk to a tea shop situated near the pan shop of the deceased. But, when the complainant had asked the deceased about this, he had denied it.

On the night of 31-10-1974 at about 10 P. M., the deceased had taken tea along with one Ranganna s/o Durgappa, Shorapur and according to Ranganna, they left for their houses. Ranganna denied further knowledge in the case.

Two gold rings were missing from the person of the deceased as per the statement of the wife of the deceased.

The case has subsequently been entrusted to the Special Investigating Agency, Gulbarga. So far, there is no clue regarding the accused responsible for the offence. Efforts are continued to detect the case.

**Sri RAJA PIDNAIK.**—Even after a lapse of 4 months, there is no proof regarding the accused responsible for the offence. Therefore, is it not a lapse on the part of the Local Police ?

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS.**—Sometimes there are cases in which investigation goes on not merely for 4 months but even for one year.

(iii) *re* : forcible Collection of money for Police Welfare Fund.

**Sri S. BANGARAPPA (Sorab).**—I call the attention of the Chief Minister to the inconvenience caused to the public due to forcible collection of money for the Police Welfare Fund.

**Sri D. DEVARAJ URS (Chief Minister).**—I wish to make the following statement.

The Karnataka State Police Benevolent Fund has been instituted for affording financial and other reliefs to the Non-Gazetted staff of the Police Department and to their dependents. The Government have framed rules for the administration of the Police Benevolent Fund.

The welfare of every subordinate member and his dependents is aimed at by this fund by way of financial help and or otherwise as specified in the rules of the fund. The administration of the fund is vested in the Central Committee constituted for the purpose and the Inspector General of Police is its president. District Committees and Unit Committees have also been constituted for administering the Fund.

The fund is built up by subscriptions paid by the members of the police force, right from the Inspector General of Police to the Constable, by grants sanctioned by the Government and contributions from other sources with the prior sanction of the Government by arranging benefit shows etc., Detailed instructions are contained in the rules for maintaining accounts which are subject to audit.

The resources of the benevolent fund of the City Police Unit are only Rs. 7,15,388 and with this meagre amount, no substantial welfare activity can be undertaken for the welfare of a Police force consisting of 6019 Officers and men, especially Head Constables and Police Constables.

Smt. Hemamalini, a reputed dancer, has generously consented to give a dance performance on 16-3-1975 in aid of the Bangalore City Police Benevolent Fund. It is proposed to bring out a souvenir also on this occasion. Tickets of the denominations of Rs. 1,000, Rs. 500, Rs. 250 and Rs. 100 which are exempted from payment of income tax will be sold. There is no compulsion either in the matter of purchasing the tickets for the performance or for giving advertisements to the souvenir. No complaint of any harassment has been received so far.